

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on p. 2, line 12, with the following amended paragraph:

It is economically desirable to produce a number of laminate panels from one pressing operation by placing a plurality of sheet assemblies in the press at the same time. Figure 1 ~~below~~ shows the layering of two sheet assemblies which are divided by release sheets. Release sheets are placed between the core layers of the two sheet assemblies to facilitate the separation of the two laminate panels by preventing the respective core layers from fusing together.

Please remove the drawing of FIGURE 1 from page 3 of the specification.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on p. 12, line 16, with the following amended paragraph:

It is preferred that the coat-weight of the release coating be applied to the cellulosic-based paper release sheet in a range of about 0.7 to about 3.0 dry pounds of release coating composition per 1,000 square ~~feet~~ feet of paper. It is further preferred that the coat-weight be in the range of about 1.0 to about 2.0 dry pounds of release coating composition per 1,000 square ~~feet~~ feet of paper.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on p. 18, line 10, with the following amended paragraph:

A series of high pressure laminates were produced using these release sheets. A number of laminate assemblies were made as shown in Figure 1 ~~above~~ using 12" by 12" paper sheets. A top laminate assembly consisting of one decorative sheet, three phenolic resin saturated core sheets, and a coated release sheet was paired with a bottom laminate assembly consisting of one decorative sheet, three phenolic resin saturated core sheets, and a uncoated release sheet of the same type of saturating kraft paper (i.e., either HD 03 or HD CO1) as the corresponding coated release sheet. The coated side of the coated release sheet was placed facing the felt side of the uncoated release sheet. The resulting stack-up set of sheets was placed between two polished press plates. A total of six such laminate stack-up sets were placed one on top of the other, and the resulting pile of sets was placed in a laminating press.